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AMERICAN FINANCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION NOTICE OF INTERVENTION AS A LIMITED PARTICIPANT

April 1, 1998

The American Financial Services Association (AFSA) hereby gives notice of its intervention as a limited participant in the above-captioned proceeding in accordance with 39 U.S.C. section 3624 and section 20a of the Commission's Rules of Practice in order to participate in the brief of the Coalition of Mailers Who Provide Courtesy Reply Envelopes. In support of its intervention, AFSA states:

1. The names and addresses of the persons who are to receive service an any document related to the service of any document related to this proceeding are:

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2. Founded in 1916, the American Financial Services Association (AFSA) is the trade association for approximately 360 non-traditional market-funded providers of financial services to consumers and small businesses. AFSA members have over 10,000 offices in the U.S. with outstanding receivables of over \$200 billion. Market funded lenders provide between 15% and 20% of all U.S. consumer credit.

Respectfully submitted.

Robert E. McKew

Vice President & General Counsel

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document, by First-Class Mail, upon the participants in this proceeding.

April 1, 1998